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SUBJECT: MOBUTU ANNOUNCES SWEEPING CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT

1. VIA RADIO BROADCAST LATE AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 23, MOBUTU ANNOUNCED SWEEPING CHANGES IN THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY. MOST NOTABLE IS THE REMOVAL OF BISENGIMANA AS PRESIDENCY DIRECTOR, REDUCTION OF COUNSELORS IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY FROM 18 TO 7 AND GENERAL IMPRESSION THAT KEY FUNCTIONS OF OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY WILL REVERT TO OPERATING AGENCIES.

2. OF THE 21 COMMISSIONERS IN THE CABINET, 9 WERE KEPT IN OFFICE INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTER NGUZA, POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER ENGULU AND MINISTER OF FINANCE BOFOSSA. THREE COMMISSIONERS WERE ASSIGNED TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND 9 WERE DROPPED FROM THE COUNCIL. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER WHEN FULL NAMES AND BIO BECOME AVAILABLE IN THE PRESS.

3. COMMENTARY ACCOMPANYING FOREGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS PUT THE GOVERNMENT RESHUFFLE IN THE CONTEXT OF ECONOMIC STABILIZATION PROGRAM AND EMPHASIZED THAT THE CHANGES WERE A MANIFESTATION OF MOBUTU'S WILL TO DEAL WITH THE ECONOMIC CRISIS. THIS IS ESSENTIALLY WHAT WE UNDERSTAND MOBUTU SAID TO IMF REP RUSSO
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WHEN LATTER PRESENTED SECOND STABILIZATION PROGRAM THIS WEEKEND. SEE SEPTTEL.
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